

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)  
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

MEETING SUMMARY

**Members Present:** Peter Myo Khin, Jerold Samet, Fisseha Adugna, Fatmata Barrie, Christopher Bolton, Roy Chavera, Kenneth Flemmer, Donald Hague, Kristin McConnell, Richard Romer, Hildegard Sylla, Elisse Barnes,

**Guests Present:** Al Roshdieh, Bruce Johnston, Christopher Conklin, Richard Dorsey, Melissa McKenna, Dan Wilhelm, Rob Richardson, Craig Wilson, Tom Manveek, Fatmata Koroma, Bill Conway, Andre Vanqueur, Harriett Quinn, Margie G. Rood, Dath Davis, Mara Parker, Margaret Poore, Patricia Alexander, Ed Weiler, Chris Burnt, Frank Stone, Jim Williamson, Len Newman, Howard Bell.

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh, Linda Cooper

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

**Community Comments:** Peter made an introductory statement about the coming Council hearings and need to have individuals go testify. Guests/members of the community introduced themselves and a few made comments. Ed Weiler commented on the need to support more staffing and resources for the Police department for increased focus on fighting crime in the neighborhoods. He also spoke about the murder of a Deshawn Jones and drugs problems in his neighborhood; police staffing shortage of 16. He wants a citizen's advisory committee formed.

**Approval of March 7, 2018:** Meeting Summary: A motion was made to approve the March 7, 2018 meeting summary. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Presentation by Special Guests:** A presentation was made by Al Roshdieh, Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation and three of his chiefs: Bruce Johnston, Christopher Conklin and Richard Dorsey. The presentation provided an overview of the following areas with specific focus on East County:

- The Capital Improvement Programs/projects, investments and level of efforts - public schools, transportation facilities, public safety
- Burtonsville Access Road
- Good Hope Road Sidewalk (\$4.065 million)
- Brighton Dam Road Bridge (\$1.860 million)
- U.S. 29 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) which is in its design phase with mixed local, State and Federal funding sources
- New Hampshire Road BRT (submitted under priority funding in March 2018)
- Division of Highway Services projects: Street/roadway resurfacing, tree pruning, highway maintenance, snow removal, repairing potholes

- Chris Conklin, Deputy Director of Transportation addressed MCDOT development coordination efforts as related to: US Food and Drug Administration's Master Plan, Hillandale Gateway, Viva White Oak, Washington Adventist Hospital, White Oak LATIP
- ECCAB members asked questions and engaged guests in a discussion:  
Fatmata Barrie – asked about Lakewood Drive needing repairs; Alicia Bravo (Councilmember Hucker's office) asked about projects in general; Christopher Bolton asked about Musgrove Road sidewalks; Richard Romer – need for interdepartmental coordination in Hillandale; Kristina McDowell asked a question about transit fare collection; Dan Wilhelm spoke on needed more coordination between MCDOT & the community; Eileen Finnegan talked about old and existing Hillandale road patching problems; FDA campus expansion; issues related to LATIP.

**ECCAB Chair, Planning/Economic development Committee, Quality of life/Social Issues Committee Updates/Comments:**

- Peter Myo Khin spoke about his plan to go testify at the scheduled Council hearing and plans for a joint ECCAB PED and QL/SI Committee meeting for a presentation on East County Data Analytics by the Countystat Office
- Donald Hague spoke about the presentation on a Retail Market study by the Montgomery County Planning Department provided to the PED Committee.
- Officers Frank Stone (3<sup>rd</sup> District) and Gerald McFarland (4<sup>th</sup> District) of the Police Department both provided a brief overview on crime statistics for their respective areas and talked about crime, auto theft prevention strategies and community engagement
- Jewru Bandeh, ECRSC Director discussed the County's recruitment for six ECCAB vacancies-closing date is April 11<sup>th</sup>; discussed the proposed site plan amendment to increase the number of apartment units for the East County senior housing project; 2018 National Night Out-August 7th, White Oak Community Day-June 2, 2018
- Mara Park (Council Staff) – talked about scheduled County Council public hearing on the Operating Budget; April 25 and the Education Committee discussion on child abuse.

**New Business:** The two ECCAB committee will hold a joint meeting next Monday for a presentation on newly published East County Data Analytics by the Countystat Office

Old Business: No report

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm